

Tula language

Tula (also *Kotule* or *Kitule*^[3]) is one of the Savanna languages of Gombe State, northeastern Nigeria.

Dialects

Kleinewillinghöfer (2014) lists 3 Tula dialects.^[4]

- **Tula-Wange (Kutule)** is possibly the oldest group. There are several hamlets located on the Tula Plateau. The people refer to themselves as *Kitulε*.^[3]
- **Tula-Baule**, possibly former Chadic speakers who had shifted to Tula.
- **Tula-Yiri or Yili** is the smallest and most divergent group.

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Tula	
Native to	northeastern Nigeria
Region	Kaltungo LGA, Gombe State
Native speakers	30,000 (1998) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Waja–Kam ▪ Waja ▪ Tula languages ▪ Tula
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tul
Glottolog	tula1252 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tula1252) ^[2]

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